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The Venezuela Commission.

There is good reason to be satisfied
with the composition of the Venezuelan
commission. It is entitled to the
world's respect. Justice Brewer is not
only a member of the highest judicial
tribunal in this country, but a man
known for his great ability and fair-
ness. Chief Justice Avery, of the court
of appeals of the District of Columbia,
has been chief justice of the highest
court in Maryland. He is a very strong
man.

Mr. White, who has been president of
Cornell University and minister to Rus-
sia, and Mr. Gilman, president of Johns
Hopkins University, are men of the
highest character and should have
great fitness for the work. Mr. Coudert
is one of the leaders of the New York
bar, was counsel for our government
in the Behring sea arbitration and has
been considered in connection with the
supreme court of the United States.
Messrs. White and Gilman are well up
in international law and the science of
geography.

Justice Brewer and Mr. White are
Republicans. Judge Avery and Mr.
Coudert are Democrats. Mr. Gilman is
said to have no politics. This is un-
fortunate for Mr. Gilman, but it makes
an even balance for the commission.
The President has made a good selec-
tion of men, in whose finding this coun-
try will have confidence.

The report of the commission will be
awaited with interest, but it is not like-
ly to come very soon. There is an im-
mense amount of documentary evi-
dence to be gone through, sifted, weigh-
ed and applied before a judgement can
be reached, and men of the standing
of these commissioners will not sacri-
fice thoroughness and accuracy to haste.

Will Mr. Cleveland run for a third
term on the bond issue?

Distribution of Wealth.

The Massachusetts Bureau of Statis-
tics of Labor issues an interesting and
important report by its chief, Horace
G. Waldin, on the distribution of
wealth. There are 250 pages of tables
which will repay careful study. The
lesson of the figures is that, so far as
Massachusetts is concerned, it is not
true that "the rich are getting richer
and the poor poorer."

Massachusetts is a representative in-
dustrial commonwealth, and what is
true of that state would be found, we
think, to be true of the country over. Mr.
Waldin draws his figures from the prob-
ate of wills since 1829 in periods of
three years each, giving the averages
for each period by counties. It will
serve the present purpose to deal with
some of the general results for the
state as a whole.

The report covers 36,370 inventoried
probates extending over sixty years.
From 1829 to 1831 there were 3,595 in-
ventories probated averaging \$3,919
each. In the period from 1859 to 1861
the average nearly doubled, 6,922 in-
ventories averaging \$7,694. The max-
imum average was reached in the three
years from 1879 to 1881, when 11,142 in-
ventories averaged \$12,329. In the last
period given, 1889 to 1891, 14,608 in-
ventories averaged \$10,619 each.

Of the 14,608 whose wills were prob-
ated in this last named period but 499
left estates which inventories over
\$50,000. Only thirty inventoried \$500,000
or more. The figures do not show an
unequal distribution of wealth. They
show a very large increase surpris-
ingly well distributed.

It's hatchery! enough, I guess,
When some gits more and some gits less,
Fer them-uns on the slimkest side
To claim it ain't a fair divide.
And I've knowed some to lay and wait,
And git up soon, and set up late,
To ketch some fellow they could hat
Fer goin' at a faster gait.

Martin's Ferry's sobersecond thought
does her credit. There was no justifi-
cation whatever for a quarantine
against Wheeling. The public senti-
ment against Wheeling. The public senti-
ment of Martin's Ferry has shown it-
self to be on the sensible side.

The Revenue Bill in the Senate.

While it is impossible to foretell what
the senate will do, the chance of the
revenue bill passing that body seems
to have improved. If it be true that
protectionist senators have abandoned
their intention to try to bring up an
effectively protective level rates on ar-
ticles which need very much this treat-
ment, the prospect for the bill is cer-
tainly very much better.

No protection would hesitate to raise
duties to a protective point if that
could be done, but everybody knows
that to go further in that direction
would lessen materially the probability
that the bill can run the white house
gauntlet. The chance is none too good
as the bill stands.

Nothing is to be gained by the mere
and untimely assertion of a principle.
Nobody doubts that the Republican
party is for protection. There is no oc-
casion to make a public proclamation
of virtue on this point. What there is
need of, and pressing need, is to pass
the best revenue bill that the President

is at all likely to let become a law. This
is the motive of the house bill, and the
best service the senate can render the
country is to send that measure quick-
ly to the President.

The Natural Gas Question.

The Natural Gas Company of West
Virginia insists that it must have more
money for its product or it will not be
justified in risking the exploration of
news fields in the hope of keeping up
the supply. Two-thirds of its custo-
mers join with the company in asking
council to permit the increase in rates.

This is the case as it is now presen-
ted to the consideration of council. The
practical question to be answered is,
Will council deny to the natural gas
consumers of Wheeling the requested
privilege of paying more money for
their gas in the hope of getting more
gas for their use?

By every test public sentiment is now
in favor of the passage of the ordinance.
Certainly those who have the greatest
and most immediate interest favor this
course. Under the circumstances the
Intelligencer believes it to be wise to
pass the ordinance without further de-
lay.

It is sad to hear the cuckoos singing
other songs, all in a minor key. "Sorry
his lot who loves too well."

The Schomburgk Line.

It develops now that the Schomburgk
line, by which Lord Salisbury stands, is
like the snakes in Ireland. There isn't
any Schomburgk line and never was.
Schomburgk was browsing about on a
botanical hunt, and as he collected his
specimens he made rough maps to show
where he got them. When he came
across a camp of English adventurers
he jotted down the camp.

Schomburgk was not a surveyor and
did not profess to have made surveys.
The English in British Guiana were
glad to get such information as Schom-
burgk could give them, got his rude
cartographic notes, and in time devel-
oped for shady purposes the shadowy
Schomburgk line. If all this be true,
the line of Lord Salisbury's contention
will not seriously bother our Venezue-
lani commission.

Spain has shown that she has not
men enough to deal with the Cuban
crisis. As for Europe, she is the poor
relation in the European family.

The New Laureate.

The office of poet laureate of Eng-
land does not go for very much in these
days, but still it is something to which
every English poet aspires. Alfred
Austin, the new laureate, is not known
in this country as Tennyson was when
the preference fell to him, but he is
much admired by those who do know
him. He has written some high grade
verse which marks him as a true poet.
When he begins to write to order he
may do as some of his predecessors
have done, not quite so well. The muse
of poetry is whimsical, and will not
always inspire at command.

Greater New York would have at
present about 3,000,000 population two-
thirds contributed by New York, one-
third by Brooklyn. If Tammany could
boss the municipal machine it would be
a bigger Tammany that would make
things hum. The possibilities are
simply infinite.

Mr. Cleveland believes that protection
is a fraud, but he does not object to
fostering the pot-bellied banking syn-
dicate that commands his ear, his fears
and his acts.

See them pile up the bonds—every one
a clod on the grave of the Democratic
party. The people of this country read
and think.

That Pony Problem.

Yesterday the Intelligencer submitted
the following problem, the product of a
Kansas teacher, and invited its readers
to try their hands at a solution:
A cowboy has three ponies and a Mexi-
can saddle, which are worth \$220. Placing
the saddle on the first pony makes it
worth the other two; placing the saddle
on the second pony makes it worth twice
the other two, and placing the saddle on
the third pony makes it worth three times
the others. What is the value of each
pony?

Mr. Thomas R. Oldham sends in a
correct answer as follows:
Value of first pony with saddle.....\$110
Value of second pony with saddle.....2-3
Value of third pony with saddle.....165
Value of first pony without saddle.....5-16
Value of second pony without saddle.....45-16
Value of third pony without saddle.....64-16
Value of saddle alone.....190-5-16
Now will some Intelligencer reader
give the process by which the solution
of the problem is reached?

A NIGHT IN JUNE.

By Alfred Austin, England's new Poet
Laureate.
Lady! In this fair night of June,
Fair like thee and holy;
Art thou gazing at the moon,
That is rising slowly?
I am gazing on her now,
Something tells me, so art thou.
Night hath been when thou and I,
Side by side were sitting;
Watching o'er the moonlight sky,
Fleecy cloudlets flitting.
Close our hands were linked then,
When will they be linked again?

What to me the starlight still,
Or the moonbeam's spindler,
If I do not feel the thrill
Of thy finger on my shoulder.
Summer nights in vain are clear
If thy footstep be not near.

Roses, stumbling through their sheaths,
O'er my threshold clamber,
And the honeysuckle wreathes
Its translucent amber
Round the gables of my home—
How is it thou dost not come?

If thou comest, rose on rose
From its sleep would waken;
From each flower and leaf that blows
Spices would be shaken.
Floating down from star and tree,
Dreamy perfumes welcome thee.

I would lead thee where the leaves
In the moon-rays shiver,
And when shadows fall in sheaves,
We would lean and listen
For the song of that sweet bird
That in April nights is heard.

And when weary lids would close,
And thy head was drooping,
Then I would the dew that sleeps the rose,
Or thy languid sleeping
I would, till I woke a sigh,
Kiss thy sweet lips silently.

I would give thee all I own,
All thou hast would borrow;
I from the world keep alone
The doubt and the sorrow.
All of tender that is mine
Should most tenderly be thine.

Moonlight! Into other skies,
I beseech thee wander;
Crave thou to mock mine eyes
Idle thou to squander—
Let thy line on the dark spot—
For my lady cometh not.

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OUR HARDWOODS.

An Englishman's View of American
Hardwood Export Trade—What is
Needed to Make it More Profitable—Some
Points of Interest to West Virginia
Lumbermen.

F. W. Edwards, of Liverpool, Eng-
land, in Hardwood: Those Britishers
having the opportunity of reading
your interesting and instructive jour-
nal, and who have noted in particular
the sound and business-like statements
of Mr. John L. Alcock, in the issue of
September 25, as to the oak export
trade, cannot but desire that, in imi-
tation of the world's boy conqueror, Alex-
ander the Great, he will proceed further
and metaphorically slay for the sub-
jugation of other similar kingdoms of
wood. If so, there is Alcock's prospect
that he will be as successful as in the
special product on which he is so well
qualified to pronounce an accurate
opinion.

What has already been swiftly ac-
complished in wagon and coffin oak
stock can surely be as efficiently orga-
nized with respect to black walnut, red
gum, quartered oak, yellow poplar, ash,
chestnut, maple and various other im-
portant species a rapidly extending con-
sumption looms big on the English
horizon. It is in this connection that I
ask space in your columns to supple-
ment and extend what Mr. Alcock has
clearly and wisely, if briefly, expressed.
Before attempting to do so, the com-
monest just demands an honest recog-
nition of the English importer's admira-
tion with respect to the closer adminis-
trative policy of the Hardwood Export-
ers' Association, of Baltimore. It is,
therefore, but right to admit in the first
place that in a remarkably short time
this new and excellent body of traders
has thoroughly convinced the readers
importers on the one side that they are,
but able, to practically control ship-
ments, both as to quantity and qual-
ity. Although it usually deemed in-
vidious to mention individual names,
it may induce others to go and do like-
wise, if it be distinctly acknowledged,
that the firm of Messrs. Alcock & Ellis,
of Baltimore, stand out in the most
conspicuous prominence with many large
concerns in Great Britain, as one which
has so far faithfully adhered to a leg-
itimate and reliable contract business.
He who runs may read the sequel with
profit to himself. The house named is
improving demand among the English
buyers, such as prefer regularity of
stock, and certainty of grading and
price, rather than an inferior and
doubtful quality, with its consequent
unstable value. It having been my
duty, week in and week out, for many
years past, to inspect, value, purchase
and sell almost daily the enormous ar-
rivals and many varieties of wood
to be seen in the open market as Liverpool,
an aggregated experience of upwards of
a quarter of a century may prove of
some slight service to your special class
of readers.

Remarks on this point may be pre-
faced by the broad statement of per-
sonal opinion that while the American
exports of hardwoods in the log or butt,
either round, waney or square, has
probably reached its greatest limits,
the business to be consummated here-
after in sawn deals and boards is yet
in its infancy. Already this extension
has made giant strides, but the near
future, possibly the dawn of the twen-
tieth century, will witness a witness
a vast addition and alteration. Care-
fully converted and properly seasoned
specifications in various details of black
walnut, quartered and plain white oak,
red gum, yellow poplar, ash, hickory,
maple and chestnut, will apparently
control the export trade a decade hence.
Ought it not inferentially to be one
of the first aims of a co-ordinated as-
sociation of your trading mill men and
exporters to study closely this trend
of events abroad, and organize the out-
put, not only of their combined prod-
ucts at home, but the greater factor
of suitable and necessary supplies for
which a demand exists, or is maturing,
in Great Britain or elsewhere?

Of the three principal ports, Liver-
pool is undoubtedly the most important con-
signment depot for United States woods.
This may be attributed to the splendid
and almost daily service of steam ton-
nage, with its attendant nominal
freights from all your large eastern
ports, coupled with cheap landing ex-
penses here. Apart from its favorable
geographical position as a distributing
point, the cost of miscellaneous hard-
wood shipments in freight, quay, meas-
uring and storage charges are consider-
ably lower than those of its only real
metropolitan competitor. With the re-
tention of these powerful advantages,
Liverpool must continue to be the best
ideal market for the bulk of American
products. As such, its regular re-
quirements in quantity, quality, size
and manufacture might with advan-
tage form the subject of more united
investigation by wider representation
of your sawmillers and shippers.

Signs are happily not wanting that
this urgent departure will ultimately
be effected, and the report of the meet-
ing held at Clarksburg, W. Va., on the
5th and 6th of October, has been re-
ceived with sincere pleasure as a good
omen of the determination of your lead-
ing firms to pluck the flower of safety,
if possible, out of the nettles of danger,
which for so long have retarded real
commercial success. As recommended,
the reduction of the output and the
closing of the ear and mind to the
specious and often misleading prom-
ises of middlemen, are matters for
grave deliberation upon which much
might be said, did the limits of your
space allow. Neither of these ques-
tions, however, can for a moment be
compared to the difficulties and losses
resulting from the suicidal action of
heterogeneous and weak shippers, who
have for some years flooded our mar-
kets with unsold consignment stock,
good, bad and indifferent, principally
of unsuitable specification or rubbishy
quality.

When one looks back, the quality of
cull goods sent on consignment to Liver-
pool alone, seems prodigious, and has
undoubtedly wrought untold harm to
those selling on firm orders. It is hard
to understand, therefore, that any ma-
terial improvement can be expected
until a larger and more influential body
of American lumbermen agree to bind
themselves to a rigid policy of for-
warding goods only on direct and spe-
cific contracts.

Would not a bold and well organized
move of this nature quickly restore a
healthy tone to the conditions, and as
promptly put the speculative or illegiti-
mate shipper in his proper place? Not
one, but many high-class English firms
can be exemplified, if necessary, as hold-
ing every qualification of position and
experience, who are at all times ready
to reasonably anticipate every possible
consumer's demand in this country in
the importation of the exact article re-
quired. Moreover, they are further pre-
pared to make firm forward contracts
with responsible houses, and to pay fair
remunerative prices for all the year round.
To do this with satisfaction to both
sides, must we not be more completely
protected from the undue and foolish
flooding of open consignments? Does
not the buyer here know best what is

required, together with the most effi-
cient methods and periods of importation?
Is not every true principle of com-
merce violated if unsuitable sup-
plies are rushed forward by ignorant
or needy sellers, devoid of the most
elementary ideas as to what the market
wants? Perhaps you will allow me to
add the hope that your timely efforts
will bear their due measure of fruit for
the common welfare of lumbermen gen-
erally in the two hemispheres.

CASHIER HAYMOND RETIRES.

The Venerable and Popular Banker of
the Merchants' National Bank of Clarks-
burg.
Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.
CLARKSBURG, W. Va., Jan. 2.—The
venerable and popular bank cashier,
Luther Haymond, has retired from ac-
tive business life and resigned his posi-
tion as cashier of the noted Merchants'
National Bank of this city. Mr. Hay-
mond is one of the oldest citizens in
this county and was one of the promi-
nent characters in the early history of
central West Virginia. He was prob-
ably the oldest national bank cashier in
the United States at the time of his
resignation. He has held this position
since the organization of the Mer-
chants' National in 1850, and often in
the stormy days of the war he has
gathered the bank's bonds and its gold
and fled from the raiders who threat-
ened the country with devastation. The
bank has always had an enviable
standing among the noted institutions
of the country and among its officials
it numbers such noted men as Judge
Nathan Goff, Governor Lowmeyer, of
Maryland, R. T. Lowmeyer, Judge E.
Maxwell, Judge T. W. Harrison and
others. Last spring the bank moved
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beral reward for return of same to this
office. ja2

STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.

The annual meeting of the stockholders
of the Bank of Wheeling will be held at
the banking house on Thursday, January
9, at 3 o'clock p. m., for the election of
directors and the transaction of any other
business that may come before them.
JOSEPH SEYDOLD, Cashier.
Wheeling, W. Va., Jan. 2, 1896. ja3

STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.

The annual meeting of the stockholders
of the German Bank of Wheeling, for the
election of directors, will be held at the
banking house on Monday, January 12,
1896, between the hours of 2 and 4 o'clock
p. m.
LOUIS J. BAYHA, Cashier.

NOTICE.

I am called away from the city on busi-
ness of importance on Thursday, January
2, 1896, and will not return on Sat-
urday.
I will be at my office, Schaefer & Drie-
horst building, 10-day (January, 1) from
9 a. m. to 12:30 p. m.
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